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Information on Domestic Support and Export  
Subsidies in Agriculture in the Republic of Moldova

### Revision

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova has submitted the revised following information on Domestic Support and Export Subsidies in Agriculture in the Republic of Moldova.

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Table DS:1

Agricultural Products: Commitments Limiting Subsidization  
(Article 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture)

Domestic support: Total AMS Commitments

BASE TOTAL AMS (millions SDR)	Years of implementation	Annual and final bound commitment levels (millions SDR)	Relevant Supporting Tables and document reference
1	2	3	4
108.5	2000	108.50	Supporting tables: DS:4, 6,7 and 9
	2001	105.62	
	2002	102.74	
	2003	99.86	
	2004	96.98	
	2005	94.10	

Supporting table DS: 1

Domestic Support  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 – 1998

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (million SDR)			Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6
		1996	1997	1998	
a. General services	Budgetary outlay for the National Agency for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadaster to apply measures to conserve soil and to prevent erosion (par.2a)	0.5	1.9	0.75	Ministry of Finance
	Budgetary outlays for Ministry of Environment to purchase agricultural research equipment (par.2a)	0.47	-	-	Ministry of Finance
	Budgetary outlays for preparation of plant classification (par.2a)	0.1	-	-	Ministry of Finance
	Budgetary outlays for scientific research institutions providing research activity of agricultural specialization (par.2a)	0.84	1.06	0.7	Ministry of Agriculture
	Budgetary outlays for education, including general education (agricultural colleges, agricultural university, Ph.D. studies) and special training (requalification of labor force) (par. 2c).	2.32	3.82	1.77	Ministry of Agriculture
	Budgetary outlays for environmental and natural resources protection administrated through Ministry of Environment (par.12)	2.1	1.8	1.8	Ministry of Finance
f. Payments for relief from natural disasters	Natural Calamities Law: compensation by means of debt. Compensations have been made on the base of the Art. 1 of the Law of the Republic of Moldova Nr. 1123 from 06.03.97 "On rectification of the State Budget for 1996". Compensations covered 30 – 32 per cent of the damages caused by natural calamities. (par.8)	-	41.0	-	Ministry of Finance
l. Other	Support provided through direct payments to farmers in financial difficulty paid independently of production. (par.5)	0.6	-	-	Ministry of Finance

Supporting table DS: 2

Domestic Support  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996-1998

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programs"

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question			Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6
		1996	1997	1998	
None					

Note: The Republic of Moldova reserves the right to apply during 2000 – 2008 measures exempt from reduction commitments under the Article 6.2. of the Agreement on Agriculture

Supporting table DS: 3

Domestic Support  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 – 1998

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Direct Payments under Production-Limiting Programs - "Exempt Direct Payments"

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:5 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question			Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6
		1996	1997	1998	
None					

Supporting table DS: 4

Domestic Support  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 – 1998

Calculation of the Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Description of basic products	Year	Product specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7, in million SDR)	Output (million SDR)	De-minimis calculation (%)	Product-specific Equivalent Measurement of Support (from Supporting Table DS:8)	Base Total AMS (million SDR)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Viticulture	1996	1.41	44.1	3.2	-	
	1997	-		0	-	
	1998	5.2	34.9	14.9	-	
				Average = 6.0		
Base Aggregate Measurement of Support						0
Fruit Tree	1996	0.89	40.1	2.2	-	
	1997	-		0	-	
	1998	-		0	-	
				Average = 0,7		
Base Aggregate Measurement of Support						0
Milk	1996	-		0	-	
	1997	-		0	-	
	1998	6.3	72.8	8.7	-	
				Average = 2.9		
Base Aggregate Measurement of Support						0
Livestock	1996	1.2	116.5	0.8		
	1997	-		0		
	1998	-		0		
				Average = 0.27		
Base Aggregate Measurement of Support						0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Non Product Specific AMS (from Table DS:9)	1996	6.4	493.0	1.3	-	
	1997	4.1	581.8	0.7	-	
	1998	315.0	629.3	50.0	-	
		Average = 108.5		Average = 17.3		
Base Aggregate Measurement of Support						108.5
Base Total Aggregate Measurement of Support						108.5

Note: Lei have been converted to SDRs at the annual rates for each year of the base period separately as follows:  
1996 – 100 SDRs = 673,95 Lei; 2) 1997 – 100 SDRs = 636,43 Lei; 3) 1998 – 100 SDRs = 730, 98 Lei, except for debt relief (see the Note to DS:9)

The annual exchange rate Moldovan Lei to US Dollar, for the period concerned was:  
1996 – 100 USD = 460,26 Lei; 2) 1997 – 100 USD = 462,36 Lei; 3) 1998 – 100 USD = 536,86

Source: National Bank of the Republic of Moldova

Supporting table DS: 5

Domestic Support  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 – 1998

Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price	Eligible production	Associated fees/levies	Total market price support	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 $((4 - 5 \times 6) - 7)$	9
None								



Domestic Support:  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 - 1998

Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price	Eligible production	Total price-related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments (million SDR)	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments (million SDR)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11
Viticulture	1996	Grants					1.41		1.41	Ministry of Finance
	1997						-		0	
	1998	Grants					5.2		5.2	Ministry of Finance
Fruit Tree	1996	Grants					0.89		0.89	Ministry of Finance
	1997						-		0	
	1998						-		0	
Milk	1996						-		0	
	1997						-		0	
(i)	1998	Grants (per litter)					6.3		6.3	Ministry of Finance
Livestock	1996	Grants (per insemination unit)					1.2		1.2	Ministry of Finance
	1997						-		0	
	1998						-		0	

Note: Grants represent budgetary outlays given:

- to livestock sector (to compensate insemination costs);
- to viticulture sector in 1996 and 1998 (for purchasing seedling material, wire, fuel, pesticides and other materials);
- to milk sector for all kinds of agricultural enterprises and natural persons - 50 bani per litter supplied to processing enterprises; and
- to fruit tree sector (for producing and testing special types of fruit tree seedling material, for creating new fruit tree plantations, for their maintenance till they get productive (4 years)).

These grants were administrated and distributed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Industrial Processing on the base of request made by special committees at the district executive bodies. These committees were making request on behalf of all agricultural enterprises in that district providing activities mentioned above.

Supporting table DS: 7

Domestic Support  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 – 1998  
Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning	Measure type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays	Other product specific support (million SDR)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support (million SDR)	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) (million SDR)	Total Product-Specific AMS	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5+6)	8	9	10	11
Viticulture	1996	Grants						1.41	1.41	Ministry of Finance
	1997							-	0	
	1998	Grants						5.2	5.2	Ministry of Finance
Fruit Tree	1996	Grants						0.89	0.89	Ministry of Finance
	1997							-	0	
	1998							-	0	
Milk	1996							-	0	
	1997							-	0	
(ii)	1998	Grants (per litter)						6.3	6.3	Ministry of Finance
Livestock	1996	Grants (per insemination unit)						1.2	1.2	Ministry of Finance
	1997							-	0	
	1998							-	0	

Supporting table DS: 8

Domestic Support:  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 – 1998

Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price	Market price support budgetary outlays	Equivalent measure- ment of support	Non- exempt direct payments	Other product specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
None											

Supporting table DS: 9Domestic Support  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 – 1998Non-Product-Specific AMS

Measure type(s)	Calendar / marketing year beginning	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays (million SDR)	Other non-product-specific support (million SDR)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (million SDR)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4+5)	7
Irrigation	1996	6.4			6.44	Ministry of Finance
	1997	4.1			4.1	Ministry of Finance
	1998	4.1			4.1	Ministry of Finance
Debt relieves for entire agricultural sector	1996		-		0	
	1997		-		0	
	1998		310.9		310.9	Ministry of Finance

## Notes:

1. The debt relieves was calculated on the base of the Law on Restructuring of the agricultural enterprises in process of privatization Nr. 392 – XIV from 13 May 1999.
2. Since the debt relieve for the entire agricultural sector has been cumulated over the entire Base Period, Republic of Moldova converted it to SDRs at the rate 100 SDRs = 680,45 which is the average exchange rate for 1996 – 1998.

Source: National Bank of the Republic of Moldova

Supporting table ES: 1

Export Subsidies  
Reporting Period: Calendar Years 1996 – 1998

Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity

Description of products	Direct export subsidies	Sales of stocks	Producer financed subsidies	Cost reduction measures	Internal transport subsidies	Total product specific export subsidies	Quantity of subsidized exports	Data source
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
None								

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